

Parish Ministries

The Church of St. Joseph
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Sr. Florence Mallon, S.C.: Lawrence Hospital
Sr. Elizabeth Roduit, F.S.P.: Pastoral Associate
Sr. June Quinlan, O.P.: Director of Religious Education
Sr. Joan Burbage, S.C.: Pastoral Associate for Special Ministries
John Strybós: Director of Music/Organist & Program Co-ordinator
Nancy Langehennig: School Principal
John Mastronardi: Business Manager
Antoinette Gilligan: Youth Director
Mary Gurgigno: Parish Secretary

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (Children's Mass)

10:45 a.m. - Noon - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Noon - 7:30 p.m.

Weekdays - Including Saturday

6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Prayers and Novenas

Daily Morning Prayer: 8:45 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday, 8:55 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Weekdays: 11:30-11:55 a.m.

Altar Servers

Students in grades 5-12 assist celebrants before, during, and after Mass. "Teams" are scheduled to serve approximately twice each month. *Contact: Fr. Brian Taylor, 337-1660*

Baptism Ministry

New parents re-examine their own faith while preparing for the baptism of their child. Group baptisms are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons of each month while individual baptisms may be scheduled during the 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Sunday Masses. *Contact: Sr. Elizabeth Roduit, 793-9486*

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry Team offers support to parishioners who have experienced the death of a loved one. About every three months, families of the deceased are invited to come together to celebrate Mass and hear helpful advice on coping with changes in life that accompany loss. The team also sponsors a support group when the need arises and there are sufficient numbers of people. *Contact: Sr. Joan Burbage, 337-7610*

Eucharistic Ministers

After a period of preparation, the pastor can designate interested parishioners as Eucharistic Ministers who assist in the distribution of the Holy Communion at Sunday and weekday Masses, to the homebound, and in the hospital. *Contact: Sr. Joan Burbage, 337-7610*

Weekend Lectors

Lectors are the most visible of the lay ministers as they proclaim the Word of the Lord. Each lector has the opportunity to proclaim the Scriptures every six weeks, and new lectors are always welcome. *Contact: Fr. Dawson, 337-1660*

Weekday Lectors

Lectors proclaim the scriptures at daily Masses. *Contact: Fr. Taylor, 337-1660*

Young Lectors

Students in Third Grade and older are invited to participate in the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Children's Mass by lectoring. Readings are given in advance of the liturgy and children are coached to feel confident in their ministry. *Contact: Denise Montaruli, 337-1660*

Ushers

This ministry of hospitality provides greeters for each Mass who take up the Sunday offertory collections and distribute the weekly bulletin. *Contact: Fr. Taylor, 337-1660*

Contemplative Prayer Study Group

The goal of this group is to explore the riches of contemplative prayer in the Catholic tradition and arrive at intimacy with God. The meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month in the Monsignor Scott Room. *Contact: Nilda Hill, (718) 671-1047; (718) 671-4274*

Hospital Ministry

This ministry ensures the availability and administration of the sacraments to the Catholic patients in Lawrence Hospital and the pastoral support of the patient, their family and the staff. Parish Eucharistic Ministers assist the priests and Sr. Florence. Parish volunteers also assist with clerical work. *Contacts: Sr. Florence Mallon, RN, 787-3199 & Father Francis, 337-1660*

H.O.P.E.

St. Joseph's Parish supplies dinner for 200 people two or three times each month at the H.O.P.E. (Help Our People Eat) Soup Kitchen in New Rochelle. Each member of a "team" (assigned approximately every 6 weeks) prepares a salad, entree or dessert for 12 people and delivers it to the Parish Center on a designated day. *Contact: Magdalen Beaney, 961-8095*

Religious Education

St. Joseph's Religious Education program, under the direction of Sr. June Quinlan, seeks to impart knowledge of the faith into which our children have been baptized, and to support parents and children through lessons, activities, liturgy, and preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Classes for Kindergarten through Grade Eight are offered each Wednesday during the school year. *Contact: Office of Religious Education, 337-6383*

Ladies of Charity

This international organization is affiliated with many churches in New York. The ladies of St. Joseph's Parish & Sts. Peter & Paul in Fleetwood are dedicated to service to the poor and needy by working in hospitals, private homes, soup kitchens, and other organizations. *Contact: Concetta Donnery, 776-9204*

Arts and Leisure Club

This group was founded for the cultivation of friendships, development of mutual interests, and the sharing of social, educational, charitable, and recreational projects. Membership (currently over 120) is open to any "senior citizen." Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month, September through June, in the Parish Center Cafeteria. *Contact: Marie Fioravante, 237-0701*

St. Joseph's School

Our school, accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, has as its mission "to provide excellent opportunities for all students to reach their full potential at each stage of their development." There are approximately 275 students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, and the curriculum follows guidelines set forth by both New York State and the Archdiocese of New York. The principal is Mrs. Nancy Langehennig. *Contact: School Office, 337-0261*

Legion Of Mary

The object of The Legion of Mary is to glorify God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work in advancing the reign of Christ. Meetings are each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Monsignor Scott Room. *Contact: Fr. Vinci, 337-1660*

Hope Food Pantry

This ministry distributes canned food and dry goods to the poor and needy. Food is collected on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the church sanctuary. *Contact: Marilyn Begley, 779-6073*

Homebound Helpers

Volunteers help us to be mindful of our many homebound parishioners by delivering Christmas and Easter gifts, preparing and serving the annual luncheon, and providing transportation to the Anointing Masses, hospital appointments, and other activities. *Contact: Sr. Joan Burbage, 337-7610*

M.O.M.S.

Being a mother is a deep commitment of both time and energy, and M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) is a gathering of mothers with children of all ages. The eight week classes explore your special role in an atmosphere of prayer, reflection and sharing. *Contact: Sr. Elizabeth Roudit, 793-9486*

Men's Club

The Men's Club sponsors various sports activities for all ages, social gatherings for the men of the parish, and opportunities for service within the community. *Contact: Al Grant, 523-9783*

Mother's Club of St. Joseph's School

The Mother's Club is an organization where women, sharing the common goal of wanting to enhance the education of their children through active participation, come together to share ideas and set goals. They realize these goals through enrichment programs and various fund-raising activities. *Contact: Eileen Van Hoek, 793-5717*

Focus on Marriage

In addition to the Marriage Preparation Courses offered by the Archdiocese of New York (Pre-Cana), those getting married at St. Joseph's Parish are required to attend an additional program on marriage and family life, consisting of the following topics:

1. Needs and Expectations in Marriage
2. Stages of Growth in our Children
3. Vignettes from Family Life
4. Communication Builds the Family

Contact: Father Dawson, 337-1660

Moms & Tots Group

Moms and Tots Group is a support group open to mothers with children from birth to 3 years of age. Mothers meet other parishioners to discuss aspects of the church and the raising of children in the Catholic faith. They also have the opportunity to learn more about the local community while their children play with age appropriate toys and other children, make crafts, sing, and enjoy snack time. The group meets every Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor. Scott Room. Contact: Renee Chao, 961-4052

Music Ministry

Music ministry offers opportunities for singers and instrumentalists to serve Christ through active participation in various musical groups of the Parish. Choral and instrumental ensembles are offered for children in Kindergarten through "mature adults." Rehearsals are as follows:

Parish Choir (High School-Adults): *Thursday, 7:30 p.m.*

Youth Singers (7th-12th Grades): *Sunday, 4:00 p.m.*

Chamber Ensemble (Instrumentalists, 7th Grade-Adults):

Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

Sacred Dance Choir (Junior High-Adults): *as scheduled*

Children's Choir (4th-6th Grades): *Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.*

Junior Choir (2nd/3rd Grades): *Monday, 3:00 p.m.*

Primary Choir (Kindergarten/1st Grade): *Thursday, 3:00 p.m.*

Handbells (Youth-Adults): *Thursday, 5:30 p.m.*

Contact: John Strybos, 337-9205; JPstrybos@aol.com

Parish Bus Ministry

Volunteers assist parishioners who use the parish bus (which is handicapped accessible) for transportation to the 1:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Contact: Sr. Joan Burbage, 337-7610

Parish Nurse

This ministry provides blood pressure monitoring and information about health issues in the Parish Center on Thursdays, Noon.-1:30 p.m. *Contact: Sr. Florence Mallon, RN, 787-3199; 793-9486*

St. Joseph's Auxiliary

The Auxiliary meets in the Monsignor. Scott Room on the first Friday of each month following the Noon Mass and recitation of the Rosary. The members care for the altar linens, raise funds for the Church & School, prepare pads for Rosary Hill Cancer Hospital, knit lap toppers for the patients, and serve at parish functions as needed. All women of the parish are welcome to join. *Contact: Jennie Sefton, 793-1218*

RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic whether baptized in another religion, or never baptized; for baptized Catholics interested in receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation and for all who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the rectory. *Contact: Ray Belair, 771-6063*

Christmas Giving Tree

The "tree" is set up each Advent to gather gifts for institutions, shelters, and inner city parishes. Parishioners use the tree to reach out and help the needy. *Contact: Sr. Joan Burbage, 337-7610*

Youth Ministry

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry Program (grades 9-12) attempts to nurture the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person. Activities include: Peer Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Midnight Run, Parish Pancake Breakfast, Ski Trip, Teen Leadership Program, Sunday 5 p.m. Youth Mass, Faith Discussion Group, Lower Westchester Overnight Youth Retreat, Eighth Grade Retreat, Passion Play, Fund Raising, CYO Basketball and Social Activities. It is through these programs that the young adults experience a deeper relationship with Christ and what it means to be a Christian. *Contact: Antoinette Gilligan, 337-1660; e-mail: vzeebi9z@verizon.net*